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1. The Communist regime in Bulgaria, as is known, initially obliged artisans to unite into labor cooperatives. These cooperatives, although controlled by the State, enjoyed a certain autonomy when compared with the true and pure Bolshevik system. At present, however, the process of complete nationalization is under way. Continuous pressure is exercised, so that cooperatives will organize into large units which the State can justifiably call "State Enterprises" and thereby take over complete administrative and directive control. This organization of artisan cooperatives is already in effect.
2. A classic example of the above trend is the Vasil Kolarov Industry of Sofia. It was founded on 1 April 1953 by the merging of the Vasil Kolarov and Petko Enev cooperatives, and retained the name of the former unit; both were cooperatives for the production of leather gloves and belts. The workshops of the enterprise are located at No. 54 Zhdanov Street in the third district of Sofia and at No. 12 Tsar Street (sic) in the first district of Sofia, the workshops of the Vasil Kolarov and Petko Enev cooperatives, respectively. The directorate is at No. 54 Zhdanov Street. The director is Avram Levi Rufat. About 50 workers are employed. The enterprise is subordinate to the Ministerstvo na Komunalnoto Stopanstvo (Ministry of Communal Economy), which also controls labor cooperatives. The monthly production is 3,000 pairs of men's and women's leather gloves and 5,000 women's belts.
3. Raw materials for cooperatives and factories are assigned by the Okružhen Sŭyuz na Trudovo Proizvoditelni Zanayatchijski Kooperatsii (OS za TPZK; Okrug Union of Artisans Cooperatives). The products of the factories and cooperatives are then distributed to the State shops for sale through State commercial enterprises such as Dŭrzhavno Tŭrgovsko Predpriyatie Obleklo i Obufki (State Enterprise for Clothing and Shoe Sales) and Dŭrzhavno Tŭrgovsko Predpriyatie Stroitelni Materiali i Metalni Izdelya (Stroimatmetiz; State Enterprise for Construction Materials and Metal Products).
4. The annual budget of c cooperatives and factories is divided as follows:

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- a. Twenty-five percent to the State;
- b. Fifty percent for capital investment; and
- c. Twenty-five percent to be divided among the workers (who are partners in the enterprise).

This year for the first time, payment of dividends was started. This normally is equal to, or slightly more than, monthly salary or wages.

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